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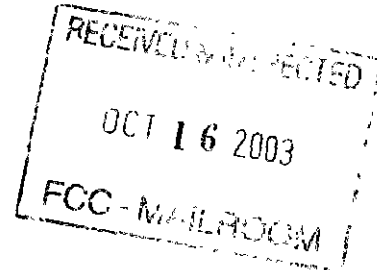
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Ms Marlene H Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of

Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No 96-45

Dear Ms Dortch

Pursuant to FCC Rule 47 C F R Section 1.1206(b), this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. On October 7, 2003 I met by teleconference with William Scher, Paul Garnett, Vickie Byrd, Elizabeth Yockus, and Cara Voth of the FCC and Mike Lee of the Montana Public Service Commission, Larry Stevens of the Iowa Utilities Board, and Charlie Bolle of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. My remarks focused on the ETC designation process in rural service areas.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Rowe".

Jim Rowe

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